

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants herewith submit replacement Figs. 1-13. Original Prior Art Figs. 1-2 have been renumbered as new Figs. 12-13. Therefore, Applicants replace Figs. 1-11 and add new Figs. 12 and 13

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 18-29 are currently pending, wherein claims 18, 20, 22, 26 and 28 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action (“Action”), the Examiner objects to the drawings because Figs. 1-11 in the instant application do not correspond to the same Figs. 1-11 in the parent application serial no. 08/630,984. Applicants hereby amend the instant application to include the figures as filed in the parent application, thereby addressing the Examiner’s concerns. To that end, Applicants herewith submit replacement Figs. 1-13. These replacement sheets include newly numbered figures such that the description in the specification correctly corresponds to the figure numbers. Original Prior Art Figs. 1-2 have been renumbered as new Figs. 12-13. Therefore, Applicants replace Figs. 1-11 and add new Figs. 12 and 13.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that claim 26 lacks proper antecedent basis of the phrase “...over the...gate and date lines” since the step of forming gate and data lines has not been cited. Even though Applicants believe that one of skill in the art would have understood the claims in their original form, Applicants hereby amend claims 26 and 28, thereby addressing the Examiner’s concerns. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In paragraph 3 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 18-21, and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) had possession of the claimed invention. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that the specification does not teach nor support “forming a plurality of data lines” because the

specification does not mention the term "data lines". In addition, the Examiner asserts that the specification does not teach nor support each pixel electrode contacting the drain electrodes as recited in claim 18. Even though Applicants believe that one of skill in the art would have understood the claims in their original form, Applicants hereby amend claims 18, 20, 22, 26 and 28 thereby addressing the Examiner's concerns. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18-21 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In paragraph 4 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 18-29 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,534 and claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,376,270. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's assertions. Because the claims of the present application are not yet in their final form, Applicants believe that a Terminal Disclaimer would be premature at this time. After the remaining rejections have been resolved, Applicants will consider filing a Terminal Disclaimer in order to expedite prosecution of the instant application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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